

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

Year 4 enjoyed learning about solids, liquids and gases in the playground this week. Year 2 in the hall taking part in Doodle dance. Year 5 in the computing suite coding their Crumble controller.



### Sports news

On Thursday 16th January some year 5 pupils represented Holbrook School in an inter-school indoor athletic competition. The children participated in both track and field events and relays. We finished 5th out of 10 schools and the children should all be very proud of their achievements. *Mrs Harman*



## Thinking Garden Update and request to help

Thank you to everyone who helped last term with clearing and planting jobs in the Thinking Garden. This term, we are looking for help with a number of jobs. If you are able to help with any, please let me know at my email address: [eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com](mailto:eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com)

Help needed:

**February 1st, Saturday morning Drop-In session (9- 12:30):** to help with clearance of the flower beds in the Thinking Garden. No experience is required - just a garden fork and gloves! If you can help out at any point during the morning, please let me know.

**Wood Chippings needed!** We need to lay new wood chippings on the 50-metre-long path in the garden. If you know anyone who could donate wood chippings for the path (or part of it), we would be very grateful. Alternatively, if you happen to have a wood chipper machine and could help us chip some of the branches we've cleared, please let us know.

**Pond Advice needed** - In our conservation area, we have a pond in need of TLC. If you are a pond expert and could offer me advice or help on how to maintain it, I'd be very grateful.

Finally, I would like to put together a general **Holbrook School Ground Force team** of volunteers. We have so many lovely outside areas in our school, including raised beds and borders; sadly, they can be hard to maintain. It would be great to have a team of parents (or grandparents) who would be happy to help in their spare time. If you are interested, please let me know. It would also be useful to know what kind of jobs you feel comfortable doing (like planting, weeding, painting fences etc). I can then let you know via email of any future jobs we need help with.

Thank you, *Mrs Filson*

## Family support

The Family Information Service (FIS) is provided by West Sussex County Council. They offer free, impartial, up-to-date information to all families on childcare, as well as activities and services for 0-25 year olds. This includes information about the cost of living, family support services and activities for young people as well as much more. This is the [link](#) to the website.

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	3 <sup>rd</sup> February
30 <sup>th</sup> January	10 <sup>th</sup> February
13 <sup>th</sup> February	24 <sup>th</sup> February
20 <sup>th</sup> February	3 <sup>rd</sup> March

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 virtual Titanic Museum
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 swimming starts
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Workshop -Supporting children's social and emotional development <b>TBC</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Young Voices at the O2
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY- school closed to pupils
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 trip to Herstmonceaux
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Holbrook World Book Day</b>

## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is "Should YouTube have more rules for younger users?" – see below.

# TAKEHOME

20th - 26th January



## Should YouTube have more rules for younger users?

### An app made just for kids.

YouTube Kids was created to give kids a more contained environment that makes it simpler and more fun for them to explore on their own, and easier for parents to manage.

## In the news this week

The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- > Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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